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Alumni Relations Chairman Simon Filice,
with Alumni John Gill and Continuing
Educator Anthony Bennett

Alumni Experience



John Gill was the former Continuing Educator for the McMaster PIKE colony, who graduated last year, becoming one of our first alumni. After leaving McMaster University and venturing into the world he was kind enough to come back and share his experiences with the new Pikas, a name for our new members, and the rest of the colony's actives. John started off stating, "PIKE was and will be the best part of my University experience. Not only for the good socials, but for the bond and memories I have from it!" He went on saying that during his experience he met a lot of people and learned a lot through PIKE, like how to network and build connections that down the road can be very beneficial. He elaborated by discussing how while apply for jobs, in the business field, he came across many Pikes from other Ontario Universities, such as Western, Laurier, and Rutgers, to name a few. With them he reminisced about their times in the Fraternity, which they also exchanged pointers from their own colonies. An example, of the perks of being a PIKE was an interview that he had at a firm in downtown Toronto, and because he had listed on his resume as being a PIKE the manager bumped him up ahead of others applying. The reason being, the manager himself ended up being a brother from the Rutgers colony in the US. They went on to discuss the history of PIKE and exchanged stories from their time as Pikes in school. Also, John added that this is why it is important to know the PIKE history thoroughly as he was asked many questions to make sure he was a true PIKE and not an imposter. Another example of the perks of PIKE was when he was wearing his PIKE swag, a lady who was a former Western University student, ran up to him with excitement as she knew other Pikes from her own school. His famous words were "Ya, I'm a PIKE, it says right here!" pointing to his chest proudly. This shows that the Pikes are becoming more predominant in Canadian culture, similar to their presence in the United States. Overall, John Gill made very good pointers about being a PIKE and shared his experiences and stories of how PIKE helped him. This definitely left a positive feeling amongst the brothers of the McMaster colony to know that being a PIKE doesn't just stop once you've graduated from University, but the fact that it truly is a lifelong bond of brothers. Anthony Bennett, Continuing Educator

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ESA's



The Gentlemen of Pi Kappa Alpha were invited to a Greek get-together planned and organized by a few new Pledge Sisters of the Epsilon Sigma Alpha Sorority. The pledge sisters, Alexandra Lostun, Beth Gimpoli, and Chantal Jakji, planned a Billiards Pub Night at the local bar, Skyline, for their Secondary

Pledge Project on Friday November 9th, 2012. The night was planned to gather other Greek Life at McMaster University to hangout, socialize and de-stress from a long week of midterms. The invited Greek Organization were; Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, Tau Sigma Phi Sorority, Nu Omega Zeta Sorority and Phi Delta Theta Fraternity. The ESA Pledge Sisters had to create an event that is associated with one of the three meanings of their sorority: Education, Service, and Association. This social was about association because a lot of the ESA sisters haven't met the other Greek organizations on the McMaster University campus. With everyone who attended saying that they had a fantastic time hanging out with the ESA girls, many would call it a success. After executing a successful Pub Night, Pledge Sister Alexandra Lostun had this to say, "The girls of ESA were very thankful for the Pikes that came to the Billiards Pub Night. Although a lot of them were meeting our members for the first time, we can't wait to have more events with them!" With the Epsilon Sigma Alpha sorority getting settled into McMaster's Greek Life family, the men of Pi Kappa Alpha are more than excited to see more of the ESA girls in the near future.

Abdi-Bashi Ali, Vice President Internal



Justin Suffern, Simon Filice, and Lucas Cristillo play a song for the MSU Night Market



President Nick Vityuk supporting Shave 4 a Cure

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Important 2012 Dates:

September 12, 2012

John Mickles' Visit

September 19-29, 2012

Pi Kappa Alpha Rush Week

October 2, 2012

Pinning Ceremony

October 10, 2012

Pikes at MSU Night Market

October 13, 2012

McMaster Homecoming

November 9, 2012

ESA Social

November 16, 2012

Pikes at Smiling Over Sickness

November 30, 2012

McMaster Greek Formal



Sergent at Arms Stuart Collins shaves his head for Shave 4 a Cure

Pi Kappa Alpha Mac Events Not To Be Missed in 2013!

Frost Week with the Pikes

Rush Week

Chartering Ceremony

Founders Day as a Fraternity

Pikes at Relay for Life

Pike Socials

Remembrance Day



Three years ago, I took a train to college every day. And for the first two weeks of November, there was a veteran from a shelter offering poppies to passerby's while singing. He had an incredible voice for someone his age and it always struck me to my core, so I donated every chance I got. Since then, I've had a fondness for Remembrance Day and what it means to the veterans across Canada. This year, I thought the Pikes could acquire some boxes from the Legion in Dundas and carry them around McMaster, the week before Remembrance Day. My hopes were not only to raise a good amount of money, but to see everyone on campus with a poppy. With the assistance of Brother Simon, we made well over \$100 in just three days. Some people didn't even take a poppy, simply donating what they had. This hit me the same way it did when I heard that elderly man's voice at the train station all those years ago. I would love for this to be an annual thing that the Pikes do because it reminds us about just how much people still appreciate the veterans for what they've done for our country.

Michael Stewart, Historian and Fundraising Chair

Pi Kappa Alpha Study Session



Thode library was buzzing with creativity and motivated, career-driven young gentlemen this Thursday November 22nd as the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity took to the library on the McMaster University campus. The upper years of the fraternity provided well rounded advice and wisdom to the first years regarding their assignments and studies in general, as well as put in some hardworking hours towards their own studies. As a group, the fraternity all motivated each other to strive for success by discussing various career goals and paths to make those dreams come true. While we weren't large in number at the time, we were booming in capacity to learn and good spirit. It was truly a successful study session in terms of educational progress and the camaraderie of the fraternity as whole. These sessions, although very valuable educationally are also a great way to become really close to all of the brothers. Thode Library watch out! Exams are right around the corner and we'll be camping out!

Christian Monti, Pikas

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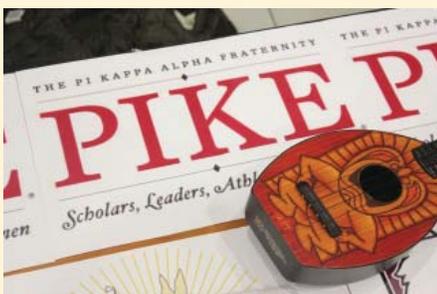

Pikas Sean Welch wearing facepaint at the brotherhood Lockdown



Pikas cheering on a Cheerleader!



Pike DJ Nick Schoenhoff



Pi Kappa Alpha Homecoming



On the morning of October 13th, the Pikes held a tailgate at one of the brother's house. The purpose of the social was to have a fun get-together before the students left to watch the McMaster Marauder's homecoming game on campus. Members invited friends and roommates to come, meet new people, and reunite with old friends. The large house and spacious backyard allowed plenty of room for members and guests to socialize with friends and enjoy the rather warm day. Guests also found themselves pleasantly surprised when a Red Rain promotional truck filled with the energy drinks showed up and handed out energy drinks to everyone free of charge! Thanks to one of the brother of Pi Kappa Alpha, Red Rain is a sponsor of the Pi Kappa Alpha McMaster colony. As more and more people made their way to the event, the backyard became a sea of maroon and gray, with students ready to show their support for their Marauders. Most people began to leave and head over to McMaster to watch the football game around noon, having had a great start to their day and in a great mood!

Justin Suffern, Active

How to Tie A Tie



When a boy pledges to become a man of PIKE, there are several necessary things that the young Pikas and fellow brothers must learn before venturing into their careers. One of those things is how to tie a tie. As the Continuing Educator I felt responsible for instilling this vital skill into their lives. I felt that, if not now, their future careers or social events will demand this. First, I started off teaching the pledge class and brothers of Pi Kappa Alpha how to tie a Full Windsor. This is the most popular and appealing of knots, yet maybe one of the more difficult ones. For extra assistance, we used the Garnet and Gold for the additional directions and clarifications when needed. The Garnet and Gold is the book that is given to each new member when entering the Fraternity which teaches them how to be a True Pike. When teaching the Full Windsor we practiced several times with me going first so the brothers could see how it was done. Then, they practiced on their own, only to get back together as a group and perform each step one at a time.

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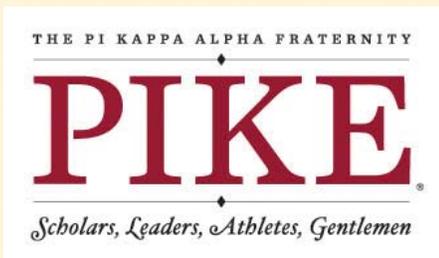

Tau Sigma Phi Raphaella Mandel gets painted by the Pikes!



Rush Chair Bilal Husain shaves the Historian Michael Stewart's head for Shave 4 a Care

Secondly, I moved on to teach my brothers how to do the Half Windsor, which was the easier of the two because it was essentially exactly as the name says, half of the Full Windsor. With the Half Windsor, we did the same lesson, with me teaching and the Pikes practicing the steps. As for the bowtie, due to the fact that more people had ties than bow ties, I left it up to the Garnet and Gold to teach them. This is why once better prepared as a group we will go through that lesson at a later point. Furthermore, since the Pikes were taught how to tie a tie, we have made it part of our attire of our weekly meetings. This will allow the brothers to practice their skills to the point of reflex. This skill will be extremely beneficial, especially for when the brother attend the etiquette dinner next semester because that is only one of the many occasions planned where the brothers will need formal attire. Therefore, a vital developmental stage of the brothers, becoming well rounded men, has begun with this necessary skill of better presenting themselves formally. The etiquette dinner will also play its purpose of educating the brothers of proper table manners when out on a date, formal gathering, or out with a boss. At the etiquette dinner, the Pikes will learn the significance of starting with your cutlery outwards and working your way to the center with each meal that comes, as well as standing up when women arrive and pulling out chairs for ladies. Then to finish off with the tipping instructions of how much to tip according to the service provided and the establishment in which the dinner is held. Overall, this fundamental skill will go a long way amongst the brother beyond graduation, because prior to my instructions, many didn't know the various ways in which to tie a tie. I am grateful that I was able to teach them a skill they'll keep for life and be able to pass on to their sons in the future. As well as the fact that I'm teaching them a transferrable skill that plays a role in the preparation of attire when attending formal outings, dates, and business dinners.

Anthony Bennett, Continuing Educator



Pike Magician Andrei Tichenkov



Simon Filice paints the MSU President, Sioban Stewart's, face